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As in a dream I saw the fields of light,
And angels walked there:
Glad radiant beings met my wondering sight,
Crowned, sceptred, shining fair.
Flowers of pure light, and sparkling like a gem,
Gave perfumes strange and sweet;
I dared not stretch my hands to gather them,—
I,—earthborn and unmeet.

Then chanced I, sudden, on a
Violet plot,
Blue with unnumbered flowers,
Just such as brighten many
a lowly spot
On this dear earth of ours.

Just such were they,—
the old familiar scent
About them sweetly shed;
And to and fro among
them came and went
The spirits
of the dead.

About their brows the
violet-blooms were twined
In many a lovely wreath;
And, as I gazed,
My heart new truths divined
Of Love more strong than Death.

For these blue blossoms,
grown in Paradise,
Which the redeemèd wear,
What are they but dear
human memories
Linking the Here with There?

And yet one grace the more
doth GOD bestow
Of His sweet clemency,—
That in Love's courts the violet shall know
Love's immortality!

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